

### Lillian Gish In Scarlet Letter At the Torrance

Two-Day Showing of Great Film Opens Big Week

Puritans of old, with plous awe, used to envision witches flying through the air on broomsticks—but Puritans of a modern day watched modern sorcerers fly and never bothered about it, except when the shadows of the flyers crossed their paths.

This strange occurrence happened during the filming of Lillian Gish's new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer starring vehicle, "The Scarlet Letter." While staid Puritans marched in a procession to church in the picture army aviators from Clover Field, near the studios, circled overhead in maneuvers. So used were the screen actors to airplanes above that none paused except when a shadow threatened to interfere with photography. The only one at all interested was Karl Dane, a former aviation officer in the Danish army—and he watched the maneuvers with glee.

Miss Gish plays the tragic heroine, Hester Prynne, in the new picture, filmed from Nathaniel Hawthorne's classic romance, which comes Thursday and Friday to the Torrance Theatre. Victor Seastrom directed the play, with Lars Hanson, the Swedish star, as leading man, and a cast that includes

Henry B. Walthall, Karl Dane, William H. Tooker, Marcelle Corday, and others of note.

George O'Brien, Fox Films favorite, comes to the Torrance Theatre Saturday in "The Blue Eagle," a thrilling story of land and sea. This story, based upon Gerald Beaumont's gripping narrative, "The Lord's Referee," was directed by John Ford.

In the supporting cast will be found Janet Gaynor and other Fox favorites. Miss Gaynor, who won international fame in "The Johnstown Flood," is cast as Rose Cooper, a beautiful girl of the city wards who is loved by Big Tim Ryan and George D'Arcy, gang leader.

Anita Stewart, leading woman in "Whispering Wires," Fox Films version of the stage thriller of the same name, which will show Sunday and Monday at the Torrance Theatre, has the role of Doris Stockbridge, daughter of a broker who is assassinated by telephone in a mansion of horrors. The role of the broker's daughter was just to her liking, as Miss Stewart is rated as one of the best financiers in Filmland. The beautiful and gifted actress has piled up a fortune from real estate and other investments.

In "Private Izzy Murphy" the Warner picture starring George Jessel, featuring Vera Gordon and Patsy Ruth Miller, and directed by Lloyd Bacon, and coming to the Torrance Theatre next Tuesday and Wednesday, the actual parade of the returning "Old Sixty-Ninth" up Fifth avenue is shown, with Jimmie Walker, Gov. Smith, Mayor

Hylan, William Randolph Hearst and other notables in the reviewing stand.

Private Izzy Goldberg has taken the name of "Murphy" for business reasons, and when assigned to the Irish regiment he still kept the name, thinking the thorny path might be made a bit easier. The boys accepted him as "Private Izzy Murphy," a name which he never disgraced.

His parents come from the Ghetto to witness the big parade, but with broken hearts, for word has come that their boy has been killed in action. Then they see him, proud in his O. D., helmet, gun, hobnails, puttees, and all!

It's a hale, heart-warming picture, "Private Izzy Murphy." It is a breeder of tolerance. A story of youth, bravery, love and honor, with many a chuckle and an occasional tear, and the inference that it's a pretty good old world, after all!

### TORRANCE NOTES

M. F. Bartlett of Buffalo is spending some time with his mother, Mrs. H. W. Bartlett, of Gramercy avenue. Accompanying him is his son Robert, who will make his home with his grandmother here and attend the Torrance High School, after spending some time in the east.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Dolton of 2029 Arlington avenue have as their guests Mrs. D. H. Storm, Miss Helen Storm, and Clark Skidmore, of Tulare, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy La Prairie and little daughter Barbara, of Klamath Falls, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Fess, 1729 Arlington, had as dinner guests Sunday Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wells and young son Junior, of San Pedro, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Redman and son Charles, of Redondo Beach.

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### Want to Talk to England? Just Call Phone Operator



When Southern California was hooked up in the nation-wide trans-Atlantic telephone service to the British Isles N. R. Powley, ranking telephone man in the Southland, held the first conversation with London. The service was opened Saturday, Feb. 26.

Torrance and the entire United States is now in telephone touch with Great Britain.

N. R. Powley, general manager of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, held the first conversation from Southern California to Great Britain Saturday morning, Feb. 26, talking to H. E. Shreeve in London, assistant to the vice-president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Telephone officials and newspaper men listened in on the conversation, which marked the last step in opening trans-Atlantic telephone service to the entire United States.

Following Mr. Powley's opening conversation, the service was thrown open to the public. Calls to Great Britain are placed with the long distance operator in the regular manner. Applications for the service were received by the telephone company beginning Friday.

The rates for service between England and any point on the Pacific coast are the same, the charges being \$87 for three minutes and \$29 for each additional minute or fraction of a minute. Calls are accepted at the same rate on either station-to-station or person-to-person basis, but if, on the person-to-person basis, the distant telephone is reached but not the party desired, a report charge of \$10 is made. Evening and night discounted rates do not apply to trans-Atlantic service. The hours of service on the Pacific coast are from 5:30 a. m. to 10 a. m., Pacific standard time, or 1:30 to 6 p. m., British time.

Trans-Atlantic telephone service from the Pacific coast has been made possible by close co-operation between the Bell system and the British postoffice.

The complete circuit to Southern California, going and coming, consists of a union of 7000 miles of telephone wire and 6300 miles of other path. Calls originating in the United States are handled over the regular telephone circuits to a long distance office of the Bell system in New York. At this point equipment is provided to separate the transmission toward London from that received from London. Eastbound transmission is carried by telephone lines to the radio transmitting station at Rocky Point, Long Island, thence by radio

to the receiving station at Wroughton, England. From Wroughton the transmission passes by wire telephone to the long distance office of the general postoffice. At this point is located segregating apparatus similar to that in New York. From the general postoffice the calls are handled over the ordinary telephone plant to the London subscriber.

Westbound, the transmission from the London subscriber, which reaches the London long distance office over the regular wire plant and is there segregated from the eastbound transmission, is carried over ordinary telephone lines to the transmitting station at Rugby, from which it proceeds by radio to the receiving station at Houlton, Maine. From Houlton to New York, as from Wroughton to London, the received transmission is handled over telephone lines, and at the New York long distance office it passes through the combining apparatus and is delivered to the subscriber over his regular telephone circuit.

As is well known, radio transmission of every kind on every wave-length is subject to erratic disturbances and interruptions which render it materially less reliable than telephone or telegraph transmission over wires. Experience shows, however, that widely different wave-lengths are not always affected to the same degree at the same time. Both very long and very short wave transmission between two points may be equally subjected to disturbances and interruption over a period of hours, days, or months. It is found that the periods of maximum disturbance do not always coincide. It follows that while a wave-length of approximately 5000 meters is the best which present knowledge can assign for reliability on a single frequency, commercial transmission can, at times, be maintained more readily on a very short wave-length.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sullivan of Hamilton, O., are visiting their children, Mrs. C. A. Dailey and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sullivan, 736 Border avenue.

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